ing 1993-94 India has imported a to tal of 6,27,033 tonnes of pulp; and waste papar, which includes waste paper also. .;.

(b) and (c) The quantity of waste paper collected in the country is es timated at 8 to 8.5 lakh tonnes per annum. Out of this about 7 lakh tonnes of waste paper is used for re-cyling by the paperand paper board industry.

(d) Domestic availability of waste paper is not adequa'te'to meet the en-fire requirement 'of' the industry. Therefore, import of waste paper is allowed. Besides requirement for high grade of waste paper to produce better quality of paper is met from imports.

(e)Pulp and waste paper is being imported from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas Belgium, Brazil. Canada; Channel IS Chile;. Chinese Taipei; China PRP, Columbia Cyprus; D-enmark, Estonia, Fuiland France, German Fed. Rep. Hongkong, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaicia, Japan; Korea RP; Kuwait. Malaysia, Morocco, , Netherland, Newaealand, Norway, Oman, Poland, - Portugal, Quatar, Hissua Saudi Arab.- Singapore, South Africa. Spain, Srilanka, Switzerland, Tanzania RBP Thailand, United Arab Emirates,' USA etc. 627,033 tonnes of pulp and waste pa-pare was imported duping ' 1993-91 at a total cost of Rs. 49,439-60 lakhs.

(f) and- (g)' Under the Export-Tmport Policy 1992-97 waste papa? is freely importable.

Export-Impcrt Policy is reviewed constantly and changes are made whenever required.

of sbursement of duty drow hack for Exporter

812, SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMENCE be pieafeed to state:

(a) whether Government have con-situatsd a core group to look into the issues of delay in the disburse-ment of duty drawback ciaimis for exporters; ;" '

(b) if so, whether the committee has been,, asked to submite the report by the end of Mark 93.

(c) if so what are the other points referred to by the committee;

(d) by when the committee is likely to submit its recommendations;

(e) whether it is a fact that the exporters have strongly urged Govrnment to retain Section 80 HH and 80 HHE on loag-term basis an,d aIso rationalise.; on the basis OF computation so that exporters can do their export planning aver a.relaisve- ly longer period;

(f) if so, whether Government have accepted the sitggestion; and

(g) if so, by when this is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF *COMMERCE* (SHRI PRANAB. MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir,

Co) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) and (g) Since the Rupee has been, made convertible on the current and Trade accounts, the exporters are receiving the market value for their forex earnings. The rate of Direct taxation have been redtnsed substn-' tially benefitting the exporters. Due to importance of .export earnings for the balance of payment position, the support required by the exporters is being reviewed from time to time in, the light of emerging external and internal; - factors..

Marine produet experts from Visa-' khapatnam

813, SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:' Will the Minister of COMMER-CE be pleased to state:

(a) the total. marine, products ex-ported from Visakhapatnam Port during 1993-94

(b) whether it is a fact that Andhra - Pradesh is fast emerging as tfte leader IN marine product . exports; end